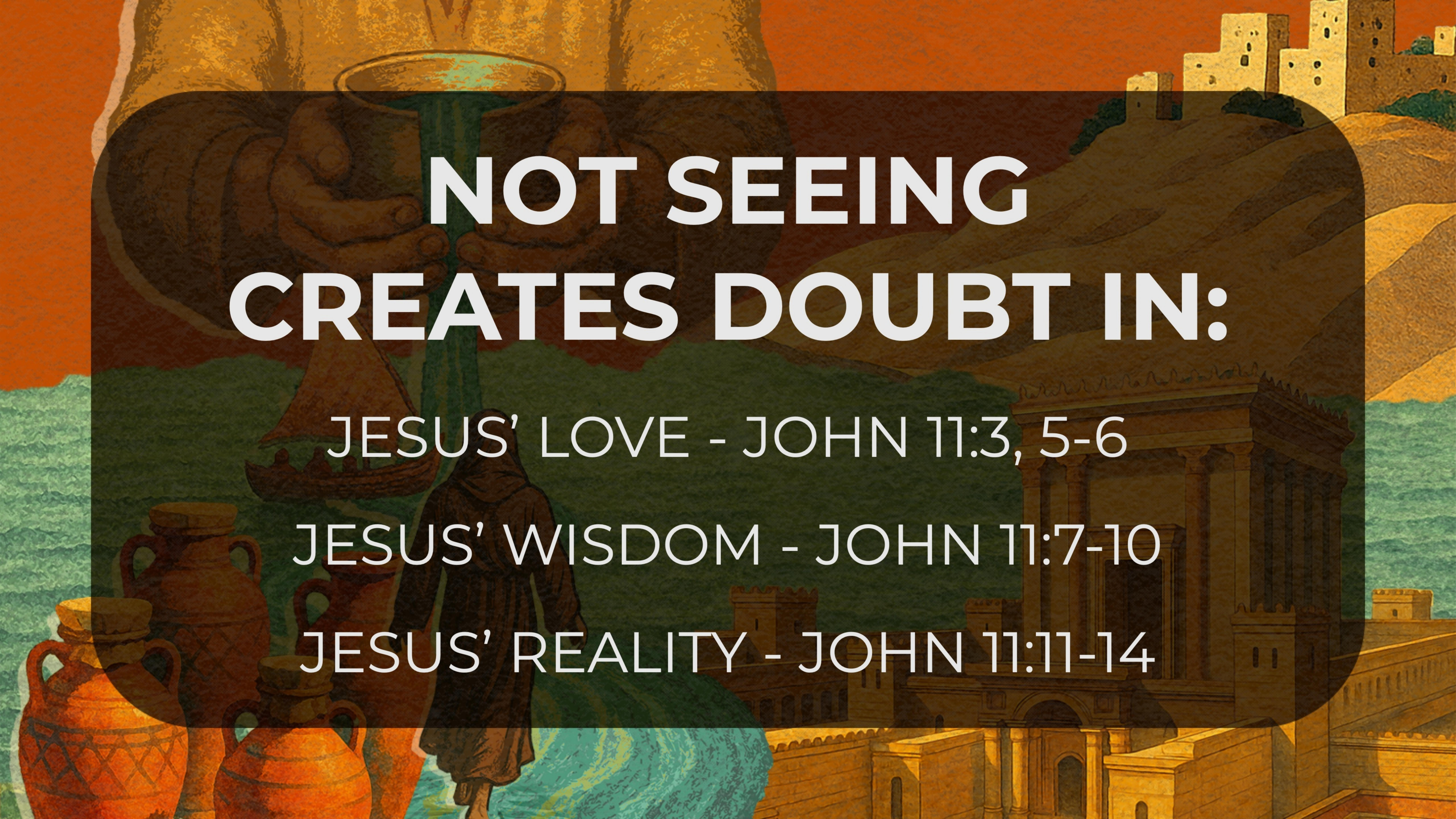


IF YOU BELIEVED,
YOU WOULD SEE

JOHN 11

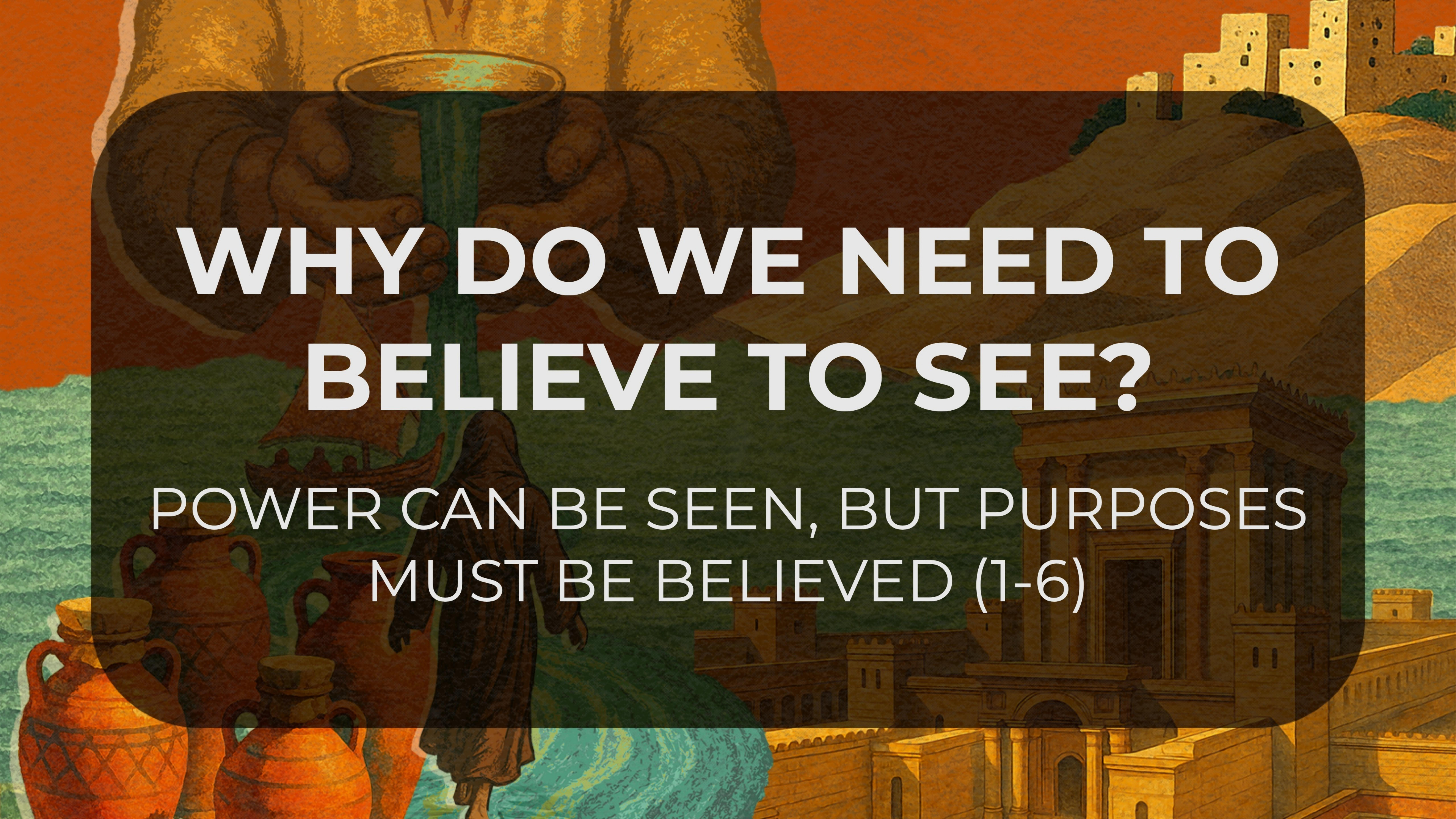


NOT SEEING CREATES DOUBT IN:

JESUS' LOVE - JOHN 11:3, 5-6

JESUS' WISDOM - JOHN 11:7-10

JESUS' REALITY - JOHN 11:11-14

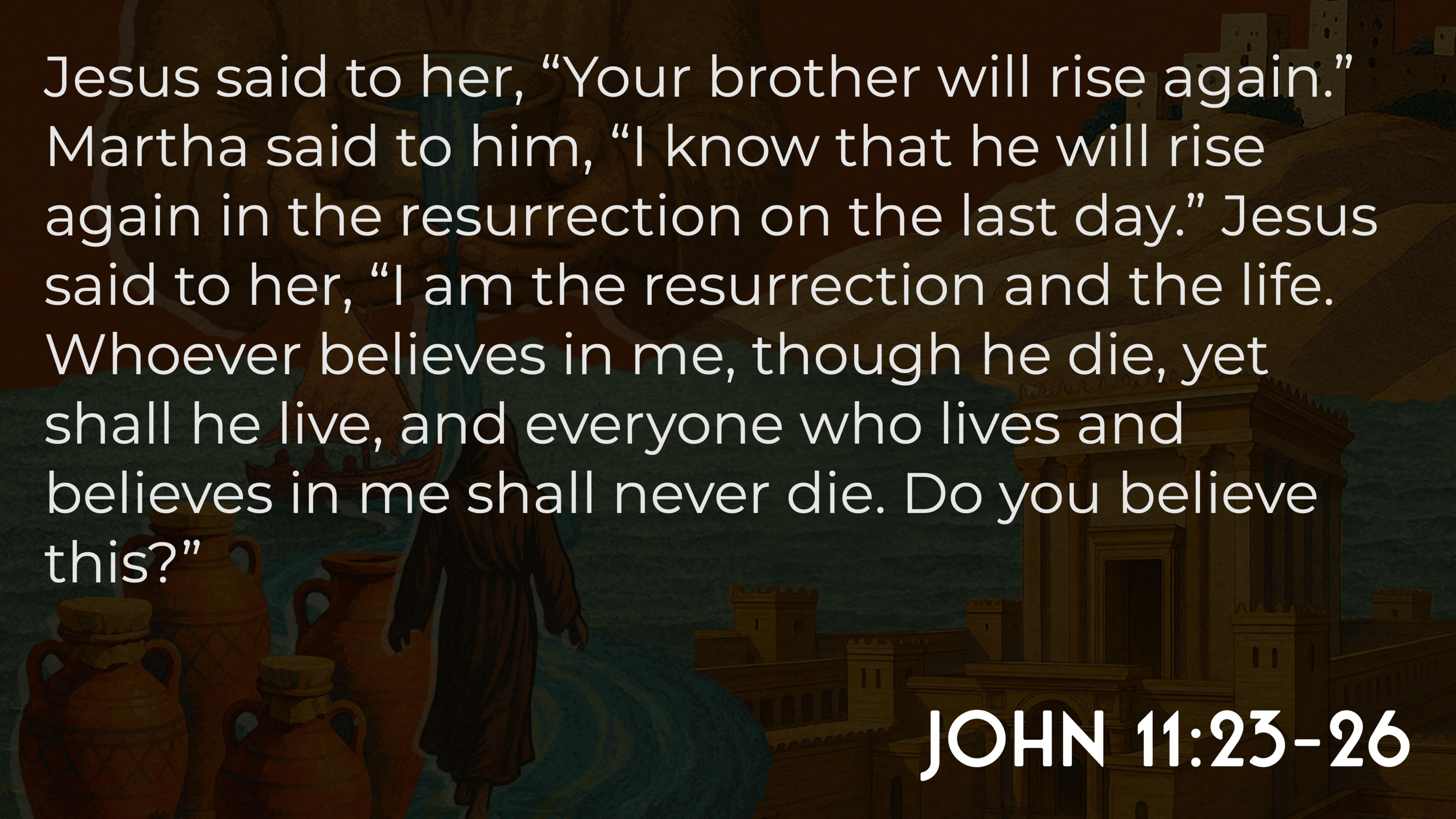


WHY DO WE NEED TO BELIEVE TO SEE?

POWER CAN BE SEEN, BUT PURPOSES
MUST BE BELIEVED (1-6)

Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

JOHN 11:14-15



Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

JOHN 11:23-26

A colorful illustration depicting the scene of Jesus performing the miracle at the wedding in Cana. In the foreground, several large, terracotta-colored jugs are arranged on a surface. A man in a dark, hooded robe stands behind them. In the background, a large, ornate building with multiple columns and a tiled roof is visible, situated on a hillside with green fields and a body of water. The sky is a warm, golden-orange color.

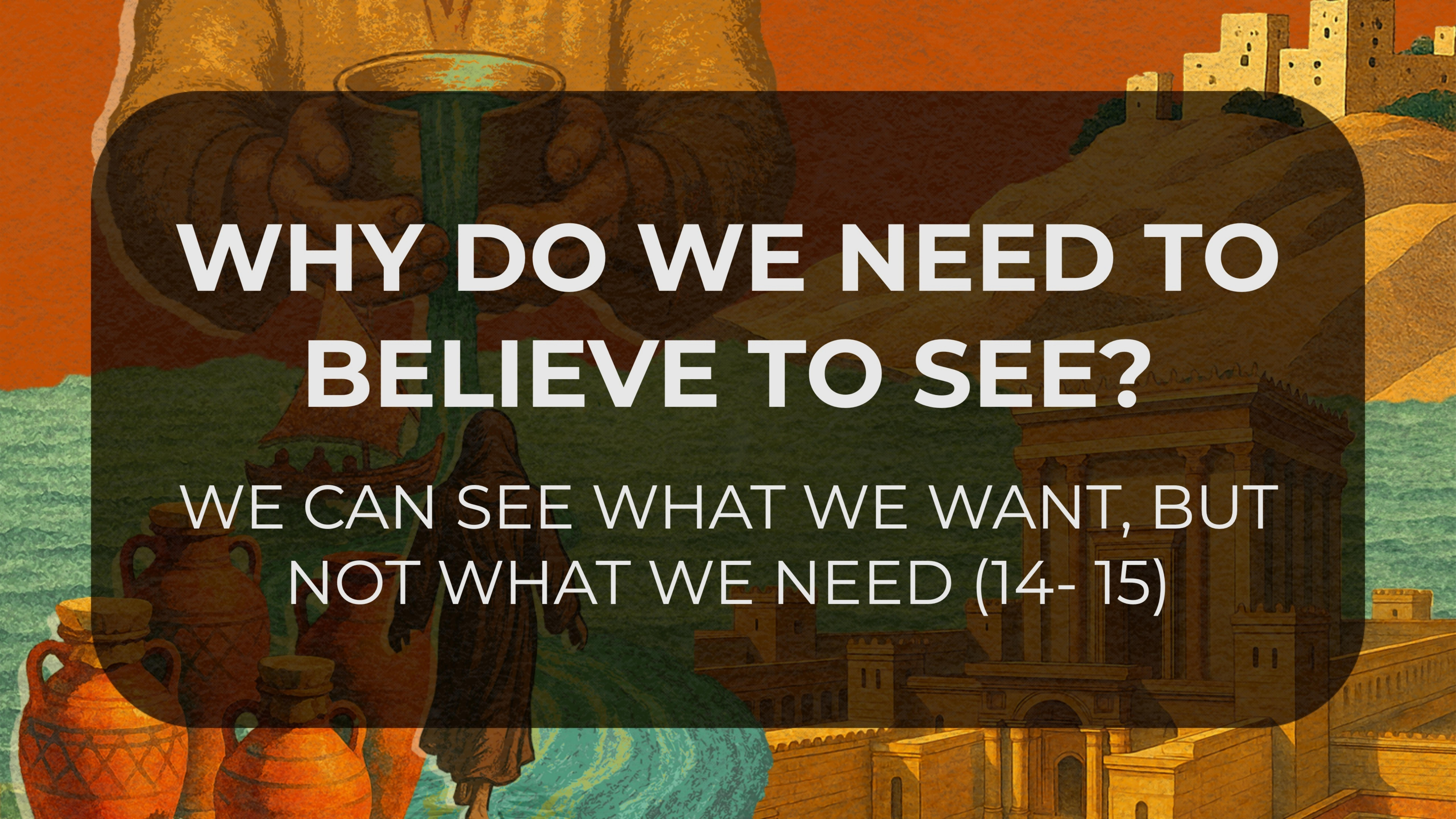
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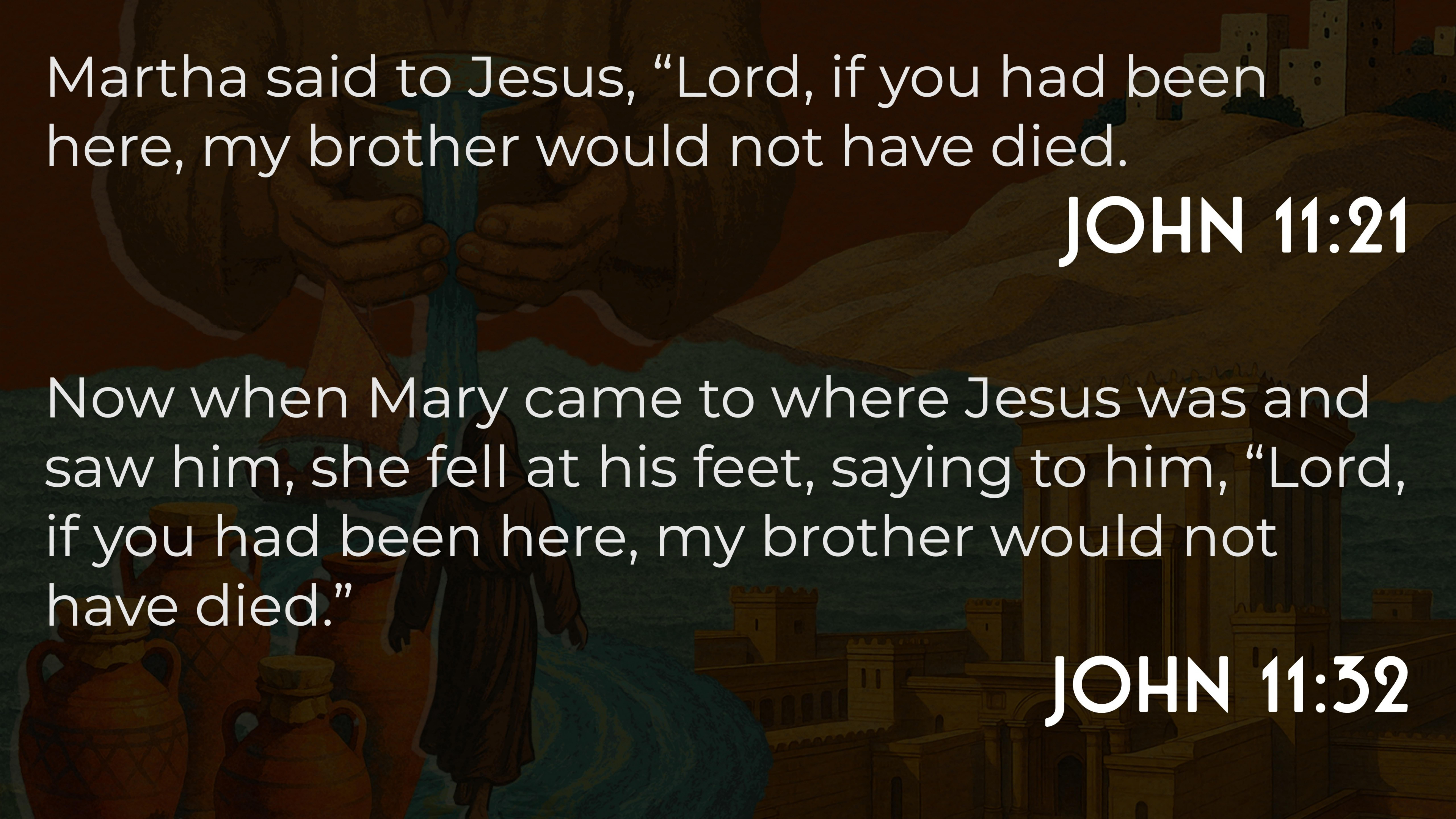
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LAZARUS HEALED
PAIN AVOIDED
CONTROL MAINTAINED
JESUS PREDICTABLE

WHAT THEY NEEDED:
A TRUST DETACHED
FROM LUCK OR TIMING
A CLEARER REVELATION
OF JESUS
A RESURRECTION HOPE



WHY DO WE NEED TO BELIEVE TO SEE?

WE CAN SEE WHAT WE WANT, BUT
NOT WHAT WE NEED (14-15)

A painting depicting a scene from the New Testament. In the foreground, a woman with dark hair, identified as Mary Magdalene, is shown in profile, weeping and falling at the feet of Jesus Christ. Jesus is standing, dressed in a blue robe with a white sash. Behind her, another woman, identified as Mary the sister of Lazarus, stands with her hands clasped. In the background, a stone wall and a building are visible, with several other figures standing behind the wall.

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

JOHN 11:21

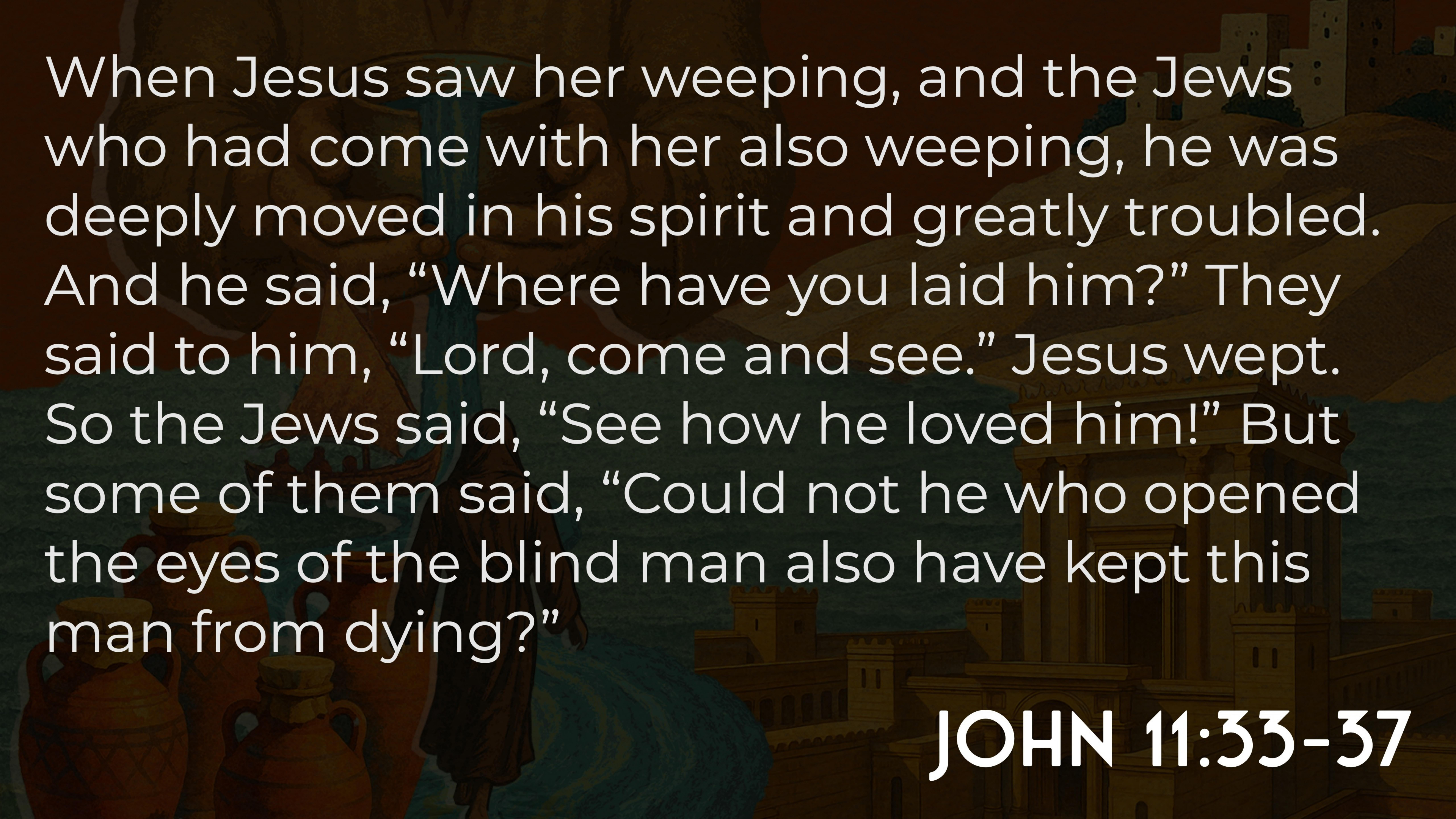
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JOHN 11:32



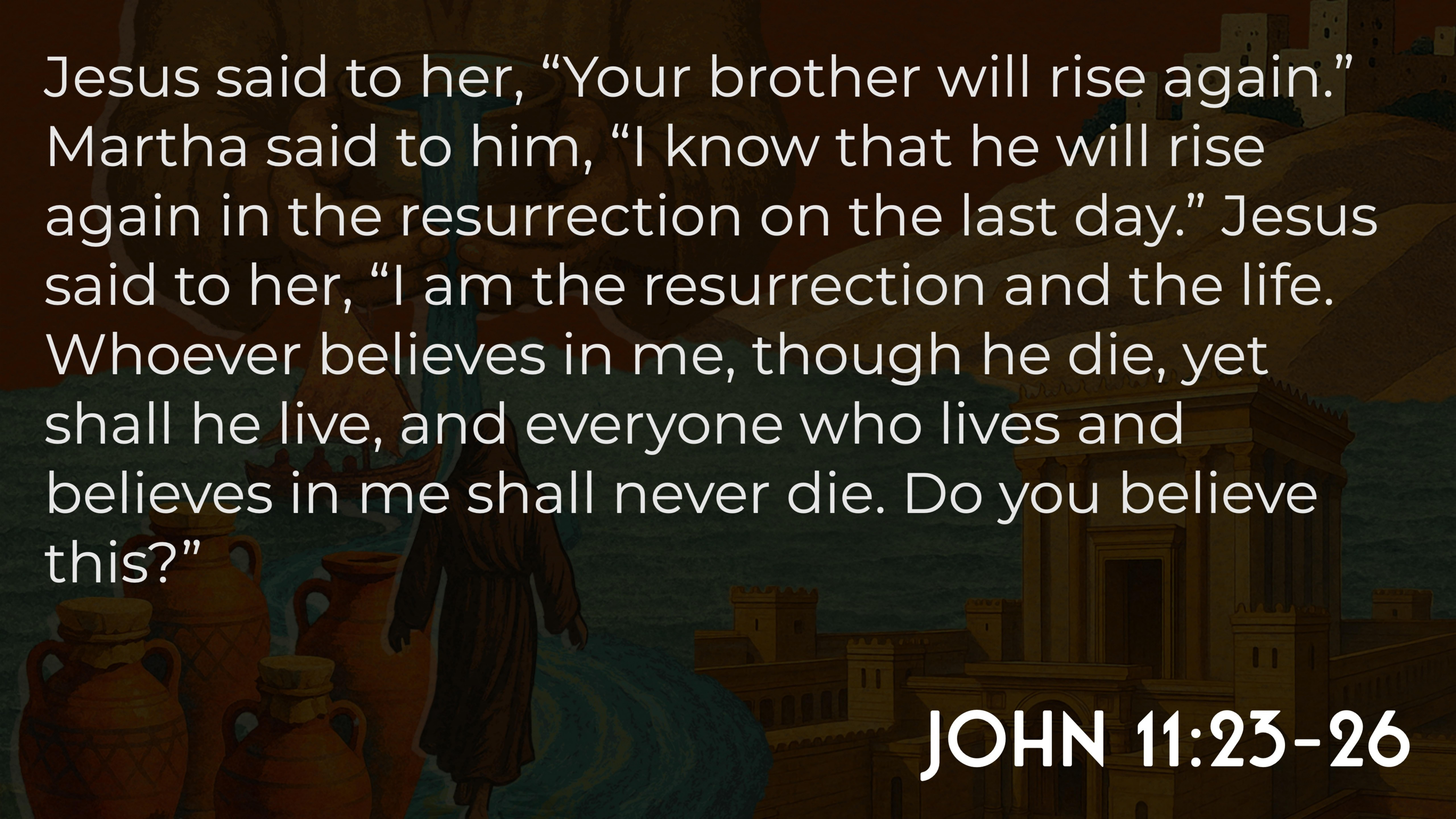
WHY DO WE NEED TO BELIEVE TO SEE?

SIGHT STOPS AT DEATH; BELIEF
SEES BEYOND IT (17-27)



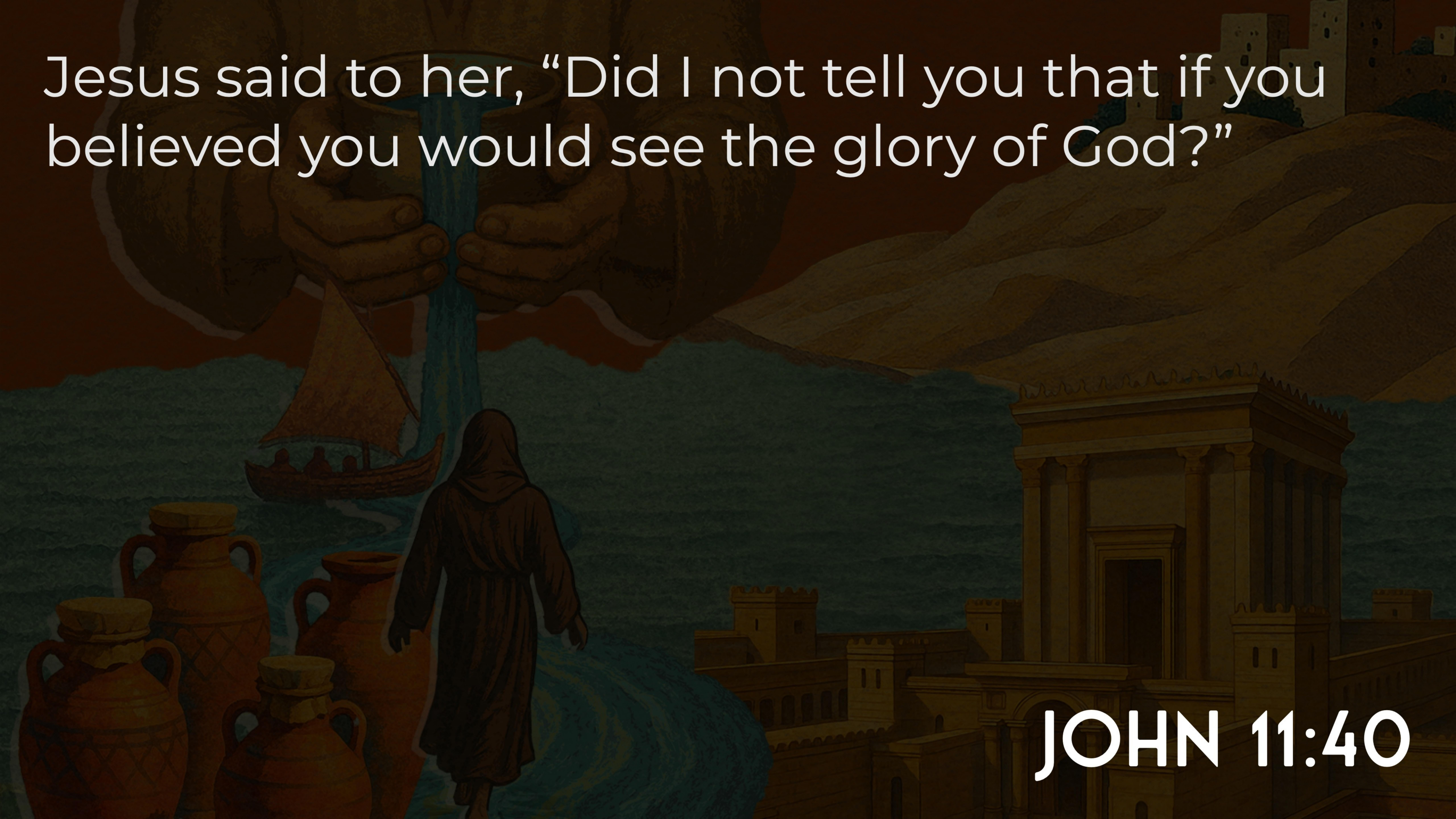
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

JOHN 11:33-37



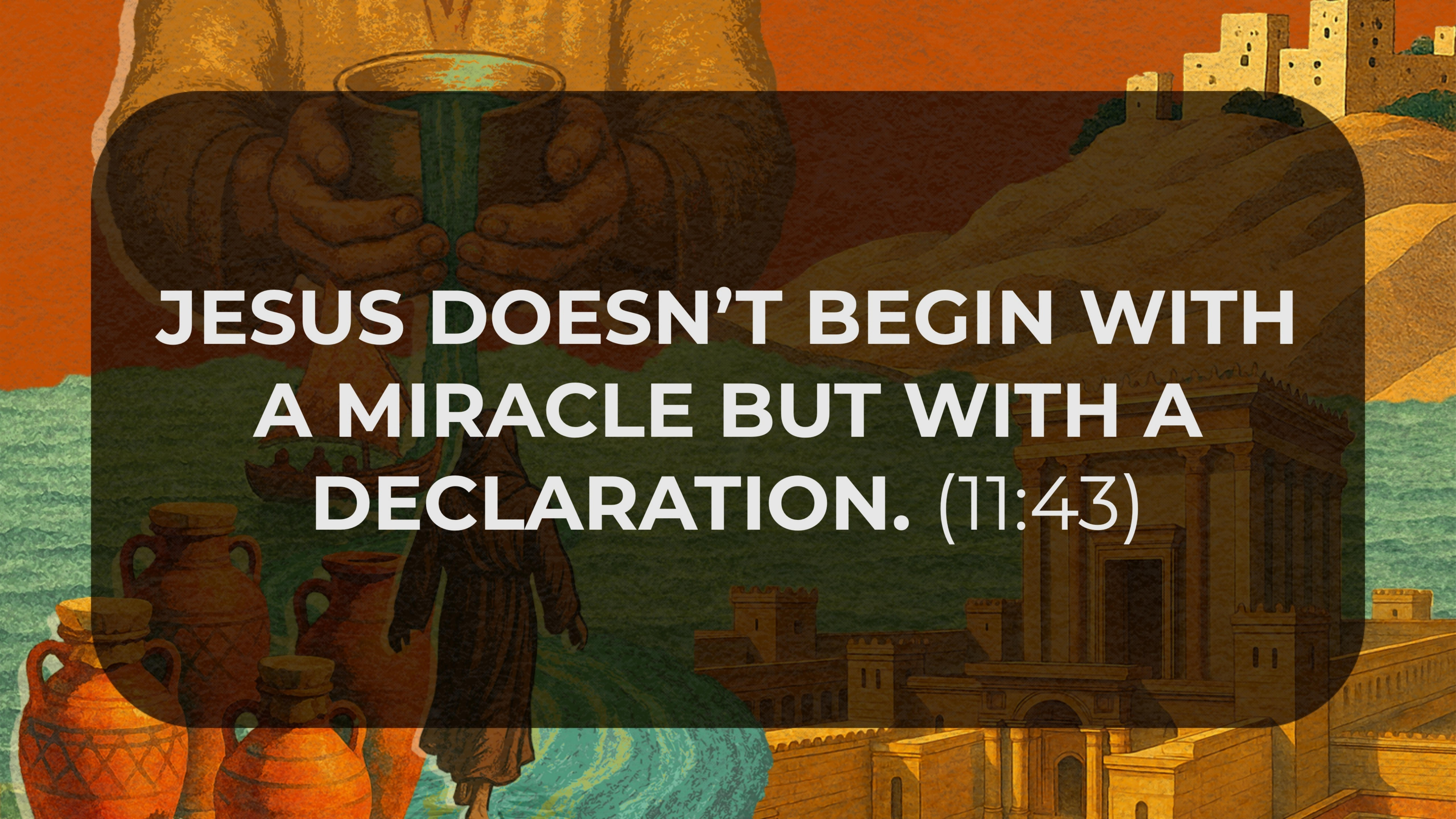
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JOHN 11:23-26

A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. In the foreground, a woman in a brown robe stands at a stone well, her back to the viewer. She is holding a long, thin object, possibly a stick or a piece of cloth. In the background, Jesus stands behind her, reaching out to touch her hand. Several large, terracotta-colored jugs are stacked on the ground near the well. In the distance, a small boat is visible on a body of water, and a city with tall, light-colored buildings is perched on a hillside. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

JOHN 11:40

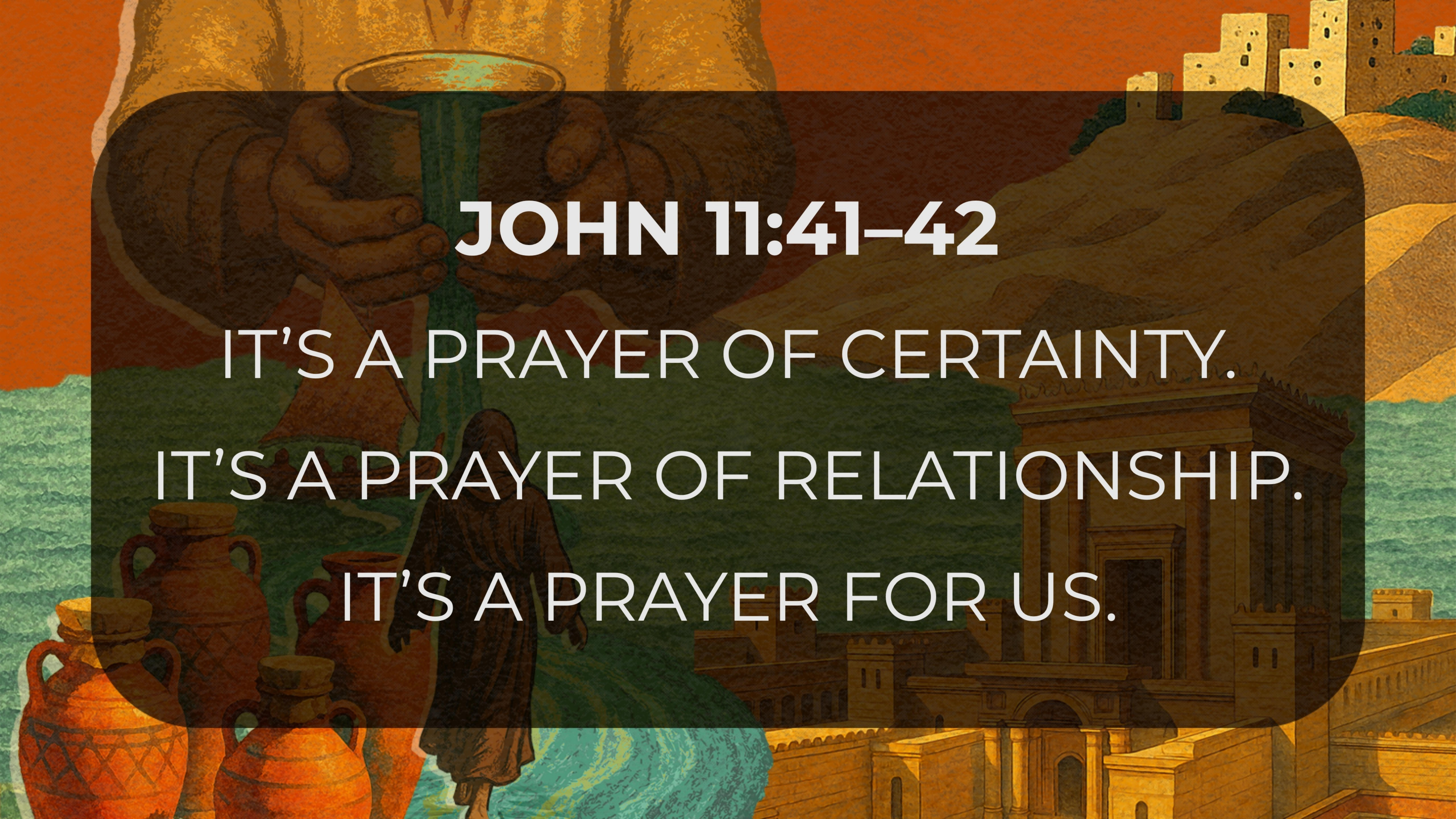
A painting depicting the wedding at Cana. In the center, Jesus stands in a brown robe, holding a large green jar. He is surrounded by several large, brown, terracotta-style jugs. In the background, a stone building with a balcony and a tiled roof is visible, along with a green hillside and a body of water. The sky is a warm orange and yellow.

JESUS DOESN'T BEGIN WITH
A MIRACLE BUT WITH A
DECLARATION. (11:43)



WHY DO WE NEED TO BELIEVE TO SEE?

SIGHT RESPONDS TO THE WORLD;
BELIEF RESPONDS TO JESUS' WORDS



JOHN 11:41-42

IT'S A PRAYER OF CERTAINTY.

IT'S A PRAYER OF RELATIONSHIP.

IT'S A PRAYER FOR US.



WHY DO WE NEED TO BELIEVE TO SEE?

WE SEE OUR PRAYERS, OUR
BELIEF RESTS IN JESUS' PRAYER

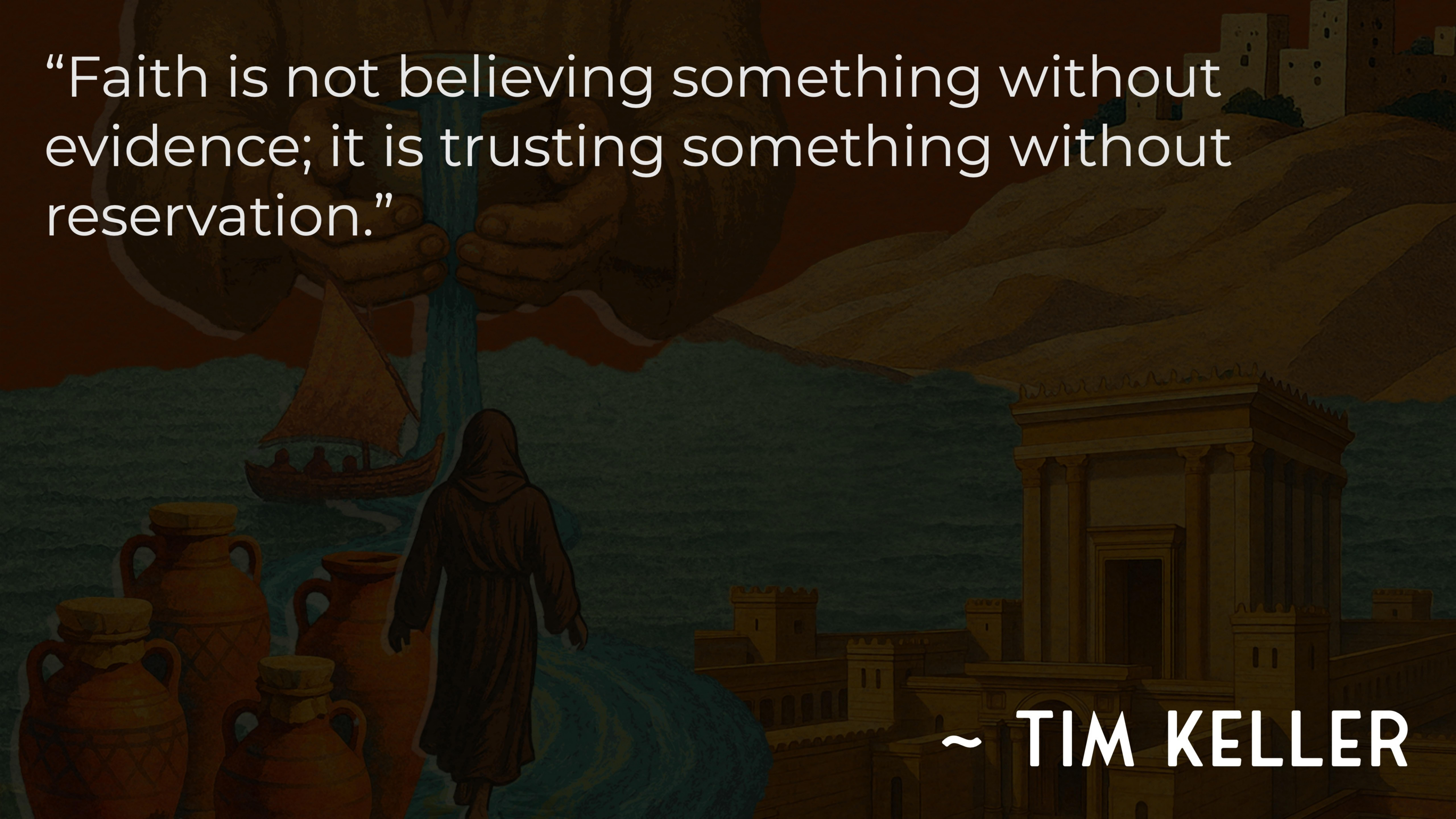
AND THE RESPONSE CONFIRMS IT

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,

JOHN 11:45

So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” [...] So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

JOHN 11:47-48, 53



“Faith is not believing something without evidence; it is trusting something without reservation.”

~ TIM KELLER